



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

: Confirmation No. 8006

Kouichirou HIRATA et al.

: Docket No. 2001\_1888A

Serial No. 10/018,974

: Group Art Unit 1645

Filed December 26, 2001

: Examiner Jana A. Hines

METHOD FOR THE DETECTION OF  
STREPTOCOCCUS SOBRINUS AND  
ANTIBODY USED THEREFOR

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Petition hereby is made for a second and third month extension of time to respond to the communication of December 3, 2003. A first month extension of time was filed on April 2, 2004.

The fee of \$840.00 is

- (X) submitted herewith.  
( to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.  
( Small entity status of this application is established by a Small Entity Status Assertion which  
( is enclosed.  
( has been previously submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Kouichirou HIRATA et al.

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